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### Oregon CSP Fish & Wildlife Self-Assessment

Please fill out the worksheet on the following two pages to complete the CSP Self-Assessment process. These questions will help determine if the lands you wish to enroll in the Conservation Security Program meet minimum requirements for fish and wildlife habitat. Once you have completed the questionnaire, please sign and date page two. Bring this form, along with your completed CSP Self-Assessment and any necessary farm records and documentation, to your CSP interview with your local NRCS office.

	Questions (Read and answer each question by checking Yes, No or N/A)	Yes	No	N/A
1.	<b>Do you have a stream (intermittent &amp;/or perennial) within the boundaries of the agricultural operation you wish to enroll? If yes, complete questions #1a-1i. If no, skip to question #2.</b>			
	<b>a) Channel Condition:</b> Is it a natural channel or is there evidence of past channelization, straightening, diking or down cutting, but with significant recovery of natural channel? (If channel recovery is not within your control, answer N/A.)			
	<b>b) Flooding:</b> During high flows, does the stream overtop its banks more than once in a 4-year time period? (If restricting the frequency of flooding is not within your control, answer N/A.)			
	<b>c) Riparian Vegetation:</b> Does natural vegetation extend away from the stream at least twice the bankfull width of the channel on both sides of the stream or on the side of the stream that you control; or, if your stream is 50 feet or wider at bankfull width, is there at least 100 feet of riparian vegetation?			
	<b>d) Riparian Areas:</b> Are riparian areas managed to control activities such as grazing, cutting of trees, removal of logs from the stream, installation of push-up dams, etc.?			
	<b>e) Bank Stability:</b> Are stream banks stable or moderately stable with only small areas of erosion?			
	<b>f) Water Appearance:</b> Is the water clear with only occasional cloudiness following a storm event, little algae growth, and no oil sheen on water surface? (If water coming onto your property is cloudy and you do not add to the condition, answer N/A.)			
	<b>g) Barriers to Fish Movement:</b> On the stream section you control, is there unlimited access from man-made barriers both upstream and downstream to both juvenile and adult fish, and do seasonal water withdrawals not inhibit movement within the stream?			
	<b>h) Canopy Cover:</b> If you could look downward onto the water's surface, would the water be more than 50% shaded? (If your stream is greater than 50 feet wide or woody vegetation is naturally absent, answer N/A.)			
	<b>i) Diverted Water:</b> If water is diverted to the enrolled land from a stream with listed or proposed threatened and/or endangered fish species or designated critical habitat, is it screened to exclude fish according to Federal or State guidelines? (Answer N/A if there are no threatened or endangered fish species.)			

	Questions	Yes	No	N/A
2.	<b>Do you have rangeland in the agricultural operation you wish to enroll? If yes, complete questions #2a-2d. If no, skip to question #3.</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>a) Grazing:</b> Do you practice prescribed grazing? (Refer to Self-Assessment Workbook for a definition of prescribed grazing.)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>b) Plant Community:</b> Is the range plant community a mixture of grasses, forbs and woody vegetation where it naturally occurs?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>c) Grass Cover:</b> Is the average height of grass cover (either residue or green growth) from April 15 to July 1 five inches or greater?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>d) Water Availability:</b> Is water available to wildlife within 1½ miles?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3.	<b>Do you have pasture in the agricultural operation you wish to enroll? If yes, complete questions #3a-3c. If no, skip to question #4.</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>a) Diverted Water:</b> If water is diverted to the enrolled land from a stream with listed or proposed threatened and/or endangered fish species or designated critical habitat, is it screened to exclude fish according to Federal or State guidelines? (Answer N/A if there are no threatened or endangered fish species.)			
	<b>b) Cover:</b> On your operation, is the distance from the center of the largest pasture to undisturbed cover (i.e., grass, forest and/or shrubs) less than 1,800 feet from April 1 to July 15?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>c) Water Availability:</b> Is there water available to wildlife within ¾ of a mile?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4.	<b>Do you have cropland in the agricultural operation you wish to enroll? If yes, complete questions #4a-4c. If no, skip to question #5.</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>a) Diverted Water:</b> If water is diverted to the enrolled land from a stream with listed or proposed threatened and/or endangered fish species or designated critical habitat, is it screened to exclude fish according to Federal or State guidelines? (Answer N/A if there are no threatened or endangered fish species.)			
	<b>b) Cover:</b> On your operation, is the distance from the center of the largest field to undisturbed cover (i.e., grass and/or woody vegetation) less than 1,800 feet from April 1 to July 15?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<b>c) Water Availability:</b> Is there water available to wildlife within ¾ of a mile?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.	<b>Does at least 2% of the total area of your operation consist of undisturbed cover suitable for wildlife commonly found in the area?</b>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**If NO is answered to any of the Fish and Wildlife Self-Assessment questions (1a-i, 2a-d, 3a-c, 4a-c, and/or 5), the land you wish to enroll may not meet the minimum criteria for wildlife habitat. Contact your local NRCS office for guidance on practices and/or management needed to meet minimum wildlife criteria or to enhance wildlife habitat.**

**LANDOWNER/LAND MANAGER SIGNATURE:**

***I certify that all information contained in the CSP Fish and Wildlife Habitat Self-Assessment is accurate to the best of my knowledge.***

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PRINTED NAME

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SIGNATURE

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DATE

NAME OR LAND UNIT # \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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(PLEASE ATTACH THIS WORKSHEET TO YOUR SELF-ASSESSMENT WORKBOOK)